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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: E. HENRY STEVENS  
APPLICATION No.: 10/086,655  
FILED: February 28, 2002  
FOR: PROCESS AND MANUFACTURING TOOL  
ARCHITECTURE FOR USE IN THE  
MANUFACTURE OF ONE OR MORE  
PROTECTED METALLIZATION  
STRUCTURES ON A WORKPIECE

EXAMINER: R. R. BERRY  
ART UNIT: 2818  
CONF No: 8295

**Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance**

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed December 21, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 57-69. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,  
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